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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, PN
SUBJECT: REACTION TO RELEASE OF TORRIJOS-KISSINGER LETTER

REF: PANAMA 8673

1. THE DEC. 24 MORNING PAPERS CARRY PRETTY STRAIGHT NEWS STORIES OF THE RELEASE OF THE TORRIJOS LETTER. ALL FRONT-PAGED IT AND CARRIED COMPLETE TEXTS, BUT NONE CARRIED FORMAL COMMENT OR MADE A BIG SPLASH OF IT. ALL HEADLINES ARE EXPLICIT IN STATING THAT TORRIJOS HAS REFUTED THE U.S.'S ALLEGED CHARGES.

2. CRITICA CARRIES AN EDITORIAL, APPARENTLY WRITTEN BEFORE RELEASE OF THE LETTER, DENIGRATING THE JACK ANDERSON COLUMN AND REMARKING THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS A MYTH AND THAT ANYONE CARRYING ON A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. DOES SO AT ITS OWN RISK.

3. DEC. 23 RADIO AND TV COMMENT WAS PREDICTABLY SUPPORTIVE OF TORRIJOS' POSITION. TV COMMENTATOR MARIO VELASQUEZ, WHILE NOTING A POSSIBILITY THAT ANDERSON MIGHT HAVE PAID
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INFORMERS FOR HIS INFORMATION, EXPRESSED A BELIEF THAT "ANDERSON RECEIVED INFORMATION WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WERE INTERESTED IN RELEASING WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTIMATING, GAUGING OR SOMETHING ELSE." GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO LIBERTAD, IN A SHARP ATTACK ON U.S. "IMPERIALISM", ALSO TOOK THE LINE

THAT THE INFORMATION IN ANDERSON'S ARTICLE WAS SUPPLIED
BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY REASONS.
JORDEN

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